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REPORT To Our Reader - Owners

'MALIGNANT'

A man who is one of the 40 Northern California schoolteachers under subpoena to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee came into the Central Labor Council office.

Congressman Francis E. Walter, chairman of the committee, had announced that the penetration of our school system by the Communists was so "widespread and malignant" that he was postponing the hearing until September 1, so more evidence could be assembled.

"You see the idea," said the visitor. "September 1, when the schools will be starting again, and everyone's attention is on the schools, this hearing will be held, and there will be big headlines."

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THEY 'RAN AWAY'

Yes, that is undoubtedly the idea, no matter what a 5-4 decision of the Supreme Court says about not looking into the motives of the committee. Just before the man came in to the office, a press release from one group of the subpoenaed teachers came in which contained these statements:

"We were attacked and smeared. The committee ran away and left us under a three-month cloud of suspicion before school board and community. No charges have been made, but after the committee's usual method of trial by headlines, we face possible loss of community and professional standing."

Of course, the Communists are issuing press releases under various front names on this issue, and we don't know just what the group is which issued the press release just quoted. But whether it's Communists or not who said it, the statement is true, just the same. That is what is so unfortunate—the House Un-American Activities Committee acts in such a way that the things the Communists say about them are true.

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OVER AND OVER!

Some years back this committee smeared the Central Labor Council here in the course of one of its hearings on the coast. It became necessary for the council to issue a statement blasting the committee.

Now the CLC has authorized Secretary Ash to write a letter to Chairman Walter, protesting against this eternal committee's unchanging tactics. That letter will be found in the adjoining column.

JAMES R. HOFFA spoke to several hundred members of Local 70 at the Oakland Auditorium Tuesday night. A standing vote of confidence followed his half-hour talk.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

CLC in protest of Un-American school hearing

A letter criticizing the methods of the Un-American Activities Committee has been sent by Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash to Congressman Francis E. Walter, chairman of the House committee.

Authorization for sending such a letter was given by the council at its June 28 meeting.

Copies of the letter were sent to C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer California Labor Federation; George Meany, AFL-CIO president; U. S. Senators Clair Engle and Thomas H. Kuchel; and Congressmen George P. Miller and Jeffrey Cohelan.

Following is the letter sent to Congressman Walter by Secretary Ash under date of July 1:

Dear Sir:

We note with great interest that the House Committee on Un-American Activities is again scheduling a meeting in San Francisco, supposedly for the purpose of investigating Communism among California Teachers.

In the 1953 investigation, the Velde Committee permitted at least one witness to make charges which were untruthful and unfounded. This council communicated with the committee, asking for the opportunity to repudiate these charges made about this council. We were not only denied the right to repudiate the charges, but never received an answer. This experience of ours with the House Un-American Activities Committee's method of operation leads us to believe that the committee has no other purpose than to investigate for investigation's sake, with no desire whatsoever to protect the American citizens from attacks by people who were trained in deceit.

In subpoenaing California teachers to appear before the committee, and then postponing the hearings until after the opening of schools in September, you have again shed serious doubt on the integrity of the committee. This action could smear individuals who may have been wrongfully charged and prohibit them from getting a position teaching, even though they may not be members of the Communist Party, or have ever been in the past. The fact alone that they have been subpoenaed is sufficient reason for some California School Boards to refuse to renew a teacher's contract.

Until your committee makes some effort to establish procedures which will insure fair play

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CWA delegates

Delegates to the recent 21st annual convention of the Communication Workers in Cleveland from this area were: R. W. Rivers, R. Garcia, Local 9490; Cal Lord, Ann Morlatt, Tina Rhoades, Jim Watson, Art Wade, Russ Wolde, Frank Campbell, Local 9415.

Convention story next week.



HARRIS WILKIN, secretary-treasurer, Food Clerks 870, says that it was a touching scene when Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell at the Retail Clerks International Association convention in Los Angeles gave his 82-year-old mother, Mrs. Anna Driscoll Mitchell, a congratulatory kiss as she was honored as a former member of the union. Presenting a plaque and gold replica of the honorable withdrawal card issued to her in 1899 are Joseph McComb, left, president of RCIA Local 1360 in New Jersey, and RCIA President James A. Suffridge. Story of the RCIA convention is on page 3.

BTC discusses policy on nonunion city workers

The Building Trades Council at its meeting this week engaged in a full discussion of how much help organized labor should give to employees of the city of Oakland who are not unionized and who show little desire to become so.

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers had in his report to the delegates told of the efforts made to get the Oakland City Council and City Manager to raise to a better wage level the building craftsmen employed by the city. He said that despite much effort and many conferences things didn't look too promising as many new taxes were going into effect, and officeholders felt hesitant about incurring any new expenses.

Childers pointed out that many building tradesmen owned their own homes, and share the general desire of taxpayers to

keep taxes as low as reasonable. Nevertheless, he said, it did not seem reasonable that so many building craftsmen employed by the city should get so much less than prevailing wages for similar work for contractors, and for work done by such craftsmen for the county.

Not only is the city unwilling to pay prevailing wages, he said, but it is pressuring the Port of Oakland to refrain from reasonable wage increases for its employees for fear this would increase dissatisfaction among city employees.

The BTC business representative went on to point out that the Oakland city charter, unlike the charters of many cities, has no prevailing wage clause in it. The Oakland charter is old and out of date, and the only remedy seems to be either to get the

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Al Brown is named agent here in Tillamook cheese dispute

Al Brown, secretary-treasurer of Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees Local 302, has been named as representative of the Portland, Oregon, Joint Council of Teamsters No. 37, in all local matters connected with the strike against the Tillamook Creamery Association, makers of Tillamook cheese. The following letter from Carl J. Schaeffer, secretary of Teamsters 569 of Astoria, Oregon, makes plain what the situation is:

This will advise you that Teamsters Local Union No. 569, Tillamook, Oregon is engaging in a strike against TILLAMOOK COUNTY CREAMERY ASSOCIATION over the negotiating of a renewal of its collective bargaining agreement.

In connection with this bona fide labor dispute, Teamsters Local Union No. 569 is conducting

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Culinary Union strike averted at last minute

During the Central Labor Council meeting Monday night Secretary Robert S. Ash remarked:

"Any of you delegates who plan to eat downtown tomorrow had better bring your lunchboxes, as the way things are going now it looks as though the culinary unions will walk out before morning."

However, the negotiators kept at it until 5:30 a.m. Tuesday morning, and reached a tentative agreement to be submitted to Cooks 228, Bartenders 52, Culinary Alliance 31 which includes the waitresses and miscellaneous workers; and to the East Bay Restaurant Association and the United Tavern Owners Inc.

Pat Sander, chairman of the union negotiators, and W. J. Dykhouse, negotiating for the employers, said details of the proposed agreement could not be divulged until unions and employers had voted on it.

Pat Sander of Cooks 228, chairman of the union negotiators, and W. J. Dykhouse representing the restaurant and tavern owners, seemed to feel that the agreement, while technically tentative, was nailed down and settled.

It's a 5-year contract, as was the one just ending, with a 5% across the board increase immediately, 5½% in 1960, and 6% in 1961; open in 1962 and 1963 for wages, hours, and fringes. Some classifications where the union contended inequities prevailed have been straightened out and will get more than the aforementioned percentage increases.

Additional health and welfare payments are provided, a life insurance plan is established for the first time, there are two additional paid holidays, an improved plan allowing 3 weeks after 10 years, with the vacation pro-rate put on a monthly basis rather than the former quarterly basis; there are increases in laundry and food money, and for the first time in this industry here a seniority clause.

Contractors vote, painters return

Leslie K. Moore, secretary-treasurer, Painters District Council No. 16, announced Tuesday that as of 10 o'clock that morning all painters who had been called off their jobs last week were being returned to work, the contractors having accepted amendments to the contract as submitted to referendum June 16 by the negotiating committee.

"The contractors," said Moore, "after first rejecting the proposed amendments, on reconsideration voted 3 to 1 in favor of the terms agreed on in negotiations."

The terms are 70 cents spread over three years.

HOW TO BUY

Rebuilt-engine tricks

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

American families are riding their cars harder and longer. Today the average car is 12½ years old and has gone 110,000 miles before it's scrapped, says the Automobile Manufacturers Association. In 1925, the average vehicle hit the scrap heap when it was only 6½ years old with just under 26,000 miles on the speedometer.

That's testimony to (1) the fact that modern cars actually do last longer, and (2) they've gone up so much in price—42 percent since 1951—that as far as many families are concerned, they'd better last longer.

There's no doubt that people are spending heavy money on keeping their cars in operating condition. One authority says the average owner now spends \$587 a year on car and repair. This sound very high, but parts especially have become expensive. A repair specialist reports that parts now cost about three times more than ten years ago. Even ordinary ignition points which used to cost 65 cents a set now cost \$1.65, he says.

One way car owners hold on to their vehicles is by replacing motors and transmissions withrebuilt. The idea of trading a motor instead of the whole car, if the body and chassis are in good condition, is logical enough. But the incidence of misleading advertising in this business makes it advisable to shop with care and knowledge.

There are many reputable motor and transmission exchange shops performing a valuable service but a few cause continual complaints, the St. Louis Better Business Bureau reports. Among the complaints are misleading ads, misquoted prices, keeping cars longer after promising one-day service, and "10-

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000-mile guarantees" with no mention of the time limit.

In Atlanta, one rebuilding shop even was indicted by the Grand Jury, and the BBB there reports persistent complaints against a number of firms. One widespread practice has been to advertise prices as low as \$119.50 for rebuilds. But customers have complained that additional unauthorized work often is done and the bills in reality may run over \$250.

If you do get into this kind of situation, and your local BBB can't force the shop to make an adjustment, your only remedy is to have a lawyer file a civil action, or make a complaint to your city's district attorney or county Grand Jury for investigation.

Preventive care at the right time can lengthen the life of your motor and save large repair and rebuilding costs later.

Advice from dry-cleaner:

- Do not press a garment that is stained. The heat will set the stain, making it impossible to remove.

- Quickly blot a stain with cold water or sponge it gently. Do not rub hard. If there is a dry crust, as in a food stain, brush off the substance first.

- Do not delay in taking clothes to be dry-cleaned and tell the cleaner what caused the stain. Point out the exact stained area. A good idea is to stick a safety pin on the stained spot so that it will not be overlooked.

- Do not use nail-polish remover to clean nail-polish stains. Nail-polish removers eat holes in acetate fabrics and often damage many dyes.

- Hand-painted fabrics are usually washable. Do not dry-clean them. In many instances, dry-cleaning dissolves paint pigment.

- Check when you buy belts. Often, the glued backs of belts dissolve in cleaning. Cardboard and other fillers fall apart. Look for belt backs stamped "cleanable."

- Watch for buttons that transfer color to the fabric, rust, melt, dissolve or soften.

- Be careful in applying perfume or toilet water. Both usually contain alcohol, which can damage the dye in clothes.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

THOSE BABY SHOES, specially varnished to preserve them, which you see hanging in some automobiles—wonder how long they are kept?

The idea is a pleasant one—that of keeping something which reminds you of your children's babyhood.

PORRINGER is a word you don't hear very often now. But though the name for it isn't always used, the thing itself, a shallow one-handle dish out of which children eat their "porridge," is still in use in many households.

Paul Revere and many other famous silversmiths made the porringers used in well-to-do homes in early America. These porringers became heirlooms. Timothy Lindall, a prosperous merchant in early Salem, Mass., disposed of six porringers in his will.

Along with the porringer often went a silver cup child-size which also became a heirloom. It was not only kept long after the child who had used it was grown up, but that grownup passed it also along to his descendants in his will.

MODERN SILVERSMITHS are copying the old models for both porringers and children's cups. They are of course bent on making money out of it, but it does seem a pleasant thing—to have family possessions which you value both for sentiment's sake and for the beauty of their workmanship.

It's really dreadful to think of a porringer and a child's cup being made out of plastic, but doubtless the designers can make them attractive.

Independent young wife

The newly married girl loved her husband, but was a little piqued at finding herself sometimes regarded by others now as merely "Fred's wife."

One day she called his office to remind him of something, but he was away from his desk, and the message was taken by the firm's dignified old bookkeeper. "And this is Fred's wife, I presume?" he said when he had taken the message.

"My name," said the girl tartly, "is Betty!"

When Fred returned to his desk, he found this note from the bookkeeper: "A Miss Betty called to remind you to pay the apartment rent day. SHAME ON YOU!"—Ken Kraft in Quote.

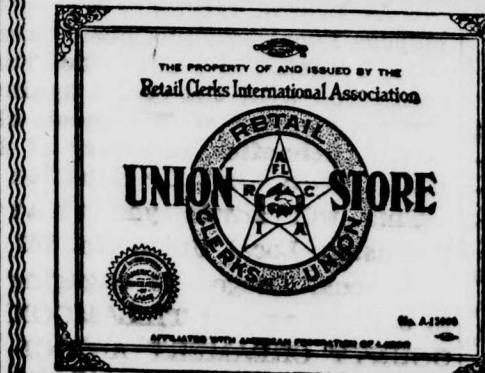
Just so so!

"Mother wants to know whether she can come to stay with us for a week or so," remarked the young bride to her husband.

"It's thoughtful of her to suggest an alternative. Tell her to sew," replied the man of the house from behind his newspaper.

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On taking care of furs

If you're a woman who wants to enjoy the beauty of wearing a fur garment through many seasons, here are a few special tips on proper care from the Fur Information & Fashion Council . . .

First, whether or not you wear your furs almost daily throughout the season, make certain you have them professionally cleaned by your furrier at least once a year. No matter how careful you are, dust particles still manage to settle on furs and only professional servicing can keep them clean and supple.

Second, let your furrier store them through the long, hot summer. His vaults are technically designed to assure a constant temperature and humidity.

Third, never neglect a small rip or tear at a seam, buttonhole or edge of your fur . . . little damages cost little to repair, in terms of time and money, but if left unattended can result in large repair bills.

Remember the usefulness and beauty of all furs depends entirely upon the care you give them!

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

HAPPY YOUNG COUPLES dash to the altar during this season and become "householders" without having the slightest idea of many of the problems involved. They buy a home, its furnishings, appliances, a car, all on "easy credit" plans, and before the honeymoon is well over find themselves the victim of that greatest headache of householders, debt.

Whether newly married or not, if you find yourself overwhelmed by this predicament, just remember that your union has a service which will give you good advice at such a time—the AFL-CIO Community Services Office, whose address will be supplied by your union.

This organization has recently issued a report devoted to this subject bothering so many people—debt, and how to get out of it. And there is no easy way!

"There are many short-cuts for getting into debt," it says, "but no one has as yet found a good short-cut for getting out of debt."

"Certainly borrowing would not be the answer, for it is our firm belief that no one can borrow himself out of debt."

This report offers some practical suggestions for setting up budgets, thus being able to manage an income so that debt does not become overwhelming. It also describes the many legal steps which a man can take if he finds himself out of his depth.

This group advises against "consolidating" your debts into one large one, and tells of the many legal pitfalls involved in this plan, now being so widely advertised.

There are so many "easy credit" plans these days, and so many enticing advertisements for all sorts of goods that the average family has to exercise a good deal of self control in order to keep debts within bounds.

But remember, if you DO get in up to your neck, consult with this agency of your union, the AFL-CIO Community Services, before you commit yourself to any "plan."

This report ends with this reminder.

Remember: You can jump into debt, but you have to crawl out."

Groom's reply

How did the wedding come off?

Fine until the minister asked the bride if she would obey her husband.

What happened then?

Plenty. The bride replied: "Do you think I'm crazy?" and the groom, who was in a sort of daze, answered: "I do."

Timesaver

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'Strutting around of Hoffa' swatted by Paper Makers

For all of Jimmy Hoffa's strutting around and flexing his muscles, workers at the Pomeroy Mfg. subsidiary of Central Fibre Products in Vincennes, Indiana, are not impressed with the Teamsters' union.

In a National Labor Relations Board election, the corrugated container workers voted heavily for United Papermakers and Paperworkers representation.

The vote ended two years of Teamster contract control which demonstrated that for all of its tough talk, Hoffa's outfit is just that . . . mostly talk when it comes to producing results for members not employed by trucking firms.

At the bargaining table, the Teamsters catch-all Local 417 proved a pushover for management. Following Teamster negotiations, rates at Pomeroy were still more than 30 cents an hour below those at other Central Fibre Products plants where employees are represented by UPP local unions.

The Teamsters took over bargaining rights at Pomeroy two years ago in a strike-breaking move against the Bookbinders union. An unprecedented five-year contract was Pomeroy workers' introduction to Teamsters operations.

Despite the five-year pact, NLRB held the contract was no bar to an election. The Board based its election order on prevailing contract durations elsewhere in the paper industry.

Final NLRB ballot showed 120 for United Papermakers, 81 for Teamsters, and 1 for no union.—United Paper.

Commies hate our unions the most

"There is no established institution in our Western culture which the Communists hate more than organized labor . . . They don't want to banter with George Meany or David Dubinsky. The proprietors and the managers are toys in their hands, but the union men are cobras . . .

"The unionists want to talk about political freedom, and the right of workers to organize, strike, vote, change jobs as they see fit, and go where they please within their country; and this the Communists have not, will not, and dare not discuss—Harry Golden, in New York Times.

Boost the profits for bankers, yes?

"When one sifts through all the arguments of the Administration as to the virtues of tight money and soaring interest rates, he really gets down to the fundamental fact that the Administration simply believes it all right for the bankers to boost their prices and reap a harvest, but that somehow it is not quite proper for wage earners to ask to share in the increased productivity of the economy.—Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.)

Tickets for COPE picnic ready soon

Tickets for the annual COPE picnic will be on hand at the meeting of the Central Labor Council at next week's meeting, July 13, Secretary Robert S. Ash informed the delegates this week.

Ash said that the entertainment unions plan to stage some interesting shows for the picnic.

Big growth reported the Clerks' convention

Provision for a gradual rise in per capita to the international through 1962, and granting of more flexibility to the operation of the local unions, was achieved through a general overhauling of the constitution and rules of the Retail Clerks International Association convention in Los Angeles.

Harris Wilkin, secretary-treasurer of Food Clerks 870 here, was on the constitution committee, which was kept so busy with its job of overhauling the fundamental laws of the international that he missed some of the many important speakers.

But among those Wilkin had the opportunity to hear, he felt that the speech by Walter Reuther was outstanding; also that a new rather youthful Democratic Congressman from Chicago, Roman C. Pucinski, gave a remarkable address.

Thirteen Senators who could not leave Washington for fear votes on important measures

would come up while they were absent combined their efforts, and produced a film with speech track which the delegates very much enjoyed hearing. And the live talk by Congressman Jeffery Cochran of the 7th District here, who was in the southern end of the State on a special mission for the House, pleased the delegates.

Senator McClellan of Arkansas, chairman of the committee which has been grilling leaders of various unions, made a very conciliatory speech. AFL-CIO President Meany and Secretary Schnitzler gave powerful talks.

Men from East Bay locals of the big international played a prominent role in the proceedings. James A. Suffridge, general president, was of course a delegate from Local 870, of which he was formerly secretary. John P. Philpott, southwestern regional director, and formerly secretary of Department & Specialty Store Local 1265 here, took the opening

gavel from Wilkin, who as president of the State Council of Retail Clerks had received it from Joe De Silva of Los Angeles Local 770 in the latter's capacity as representative of the host local.

One change was to improve the pension terms for officers and employees of the union.

Per capita paid by locals to the international was raised from the present 85 cents to \$1.10 effective July 1 of this year, and a 5-cent increase yearly to \$1.25 in 1962. This was felt to be a substantial increase, but during the past 12 years the expenses and responsibility of the international have grown tremendously.

"We can't afford to stop growing," Suffridge told the convention.

He said that since the last convention four years ago there had been a 30 per cent gain in membership. The 1000 delegates represented 350,000 RCIA members.

Insurance for old persons analyzed

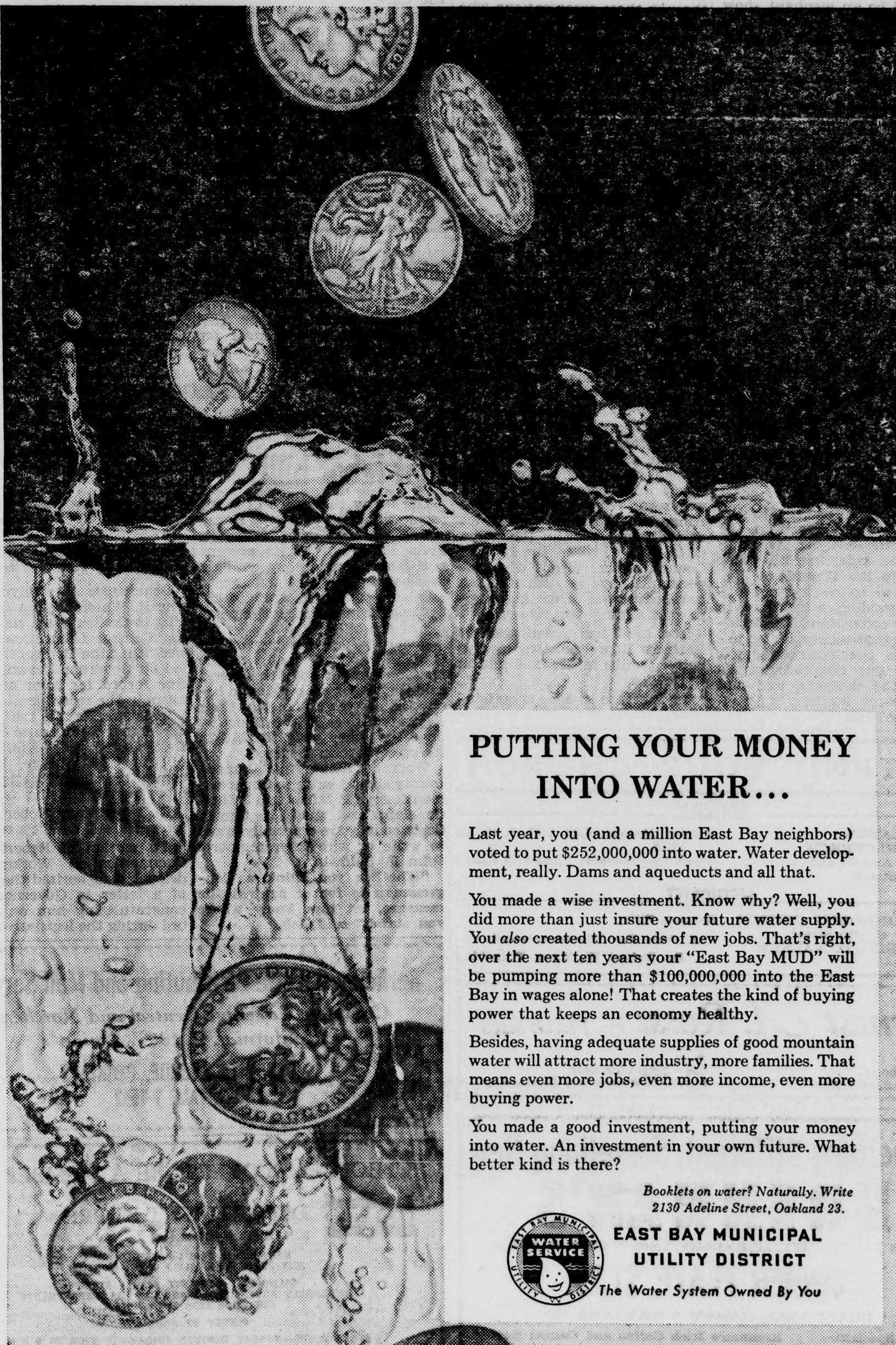
Nelson Cruikshank, Director of the AFL-CIO Department of Social Security, has issued the following statement:

"Health insurance policies have been offered to people 65 years of age and over in several states."

"It is apparent that the insurance industry is making a valiant attempt at last to provide older people with some measure of protection.

"At least one insurance company is doing its best to persuade the public that there is no need for Federal action in this field.

"We have studied the insurance industry's current offering. The present plan may be as good as any that private, commercial insurance carriers can come up with. But their best is not nearly good enough."



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By BEN H. BEYNON

The Picnic Chairman, Wally Hicks, announced the picnic for Plumbers & Gas Fitters No. 444 members and their families will be held at Knowland Park in Area A on Saturday, July 25, 1959, from 10:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. There will be ample parking facilities.

Directions to Area A from Oakland—go East on MacArthur Blvd. to 98th Avenue and turn left to Mountain Blvd.

Directions to Area A from East Oakland—go West on MacArthur Blvd. to 98th Avenue and turn right to Mountain Blvd.

Upon entering the gate, adults only will receive a ticket for a drawing for gate prizes that will be held later in the day. There will be refreshments for adults and children. Please bring a basket lunch for your family.

For adults there will be horseshoe and other interesting games, and for the children there will be an elephant show, the zoo and many other interesting events along with many prizes.

Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

Enjoy the 4th? You did well if you survived. Next hurdle is Labor Day, September 7th. Please, don't let death take your holiday.

We've come to the conclusion that Machinists never die, they're used up by machines.

Don't be fooled by anti-inflation propaganda. If you'll notice, it's always our wages that are inflationary, never excessive profits.

Ladies, if your husband plans to retire soon, take a look at your appliances. That worn refrigerator, stove, water heater, or washing machine, is easier replaced while the old boy is still working. Then you won't have that heavy expense when he's retired.

Have you contributed to the United Crusade? Please do. We advocate the one big give, and recommend referring all other requests to the Crusade.

We voted to rescind our action on sending a delegate to the State convention. We decided to use that money for an assistant to the Business Agent during our negotiations. So scratch one delegate, and add one assistant business agent. Guess who? Me.

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Editor Labor Journal:

Permit me space in your valuable paper for a few statements. First I wish to thank the members of L. U. 1622 for the confidence placed in me by the large vote I received as Recording Secretary and to the different labor organizations which the Local belongs to.

May I at the same time express my views as to the value of these different labor organizations. I find that many members frown on the value of these organizations and do not think they receive enough benefit from the per capita tax that the local pays to them.

These organizations are the working force that strive to bring about better wages and working conditions, the welfare of the working people. The local unions would be helpless and unable to promote and bring about the economic and political needs of the local unions except through these organizations. The district, state and national councils and federations. It has been proven that in unity there is strength, united we stand and go forward, divided we fall.

It was only through the efforts of these organizations that labor is receiving a fair wage and fringe benefits such as Health and Welfare, Pensions, Vacation Pay and better working conditions with shorter hours.

The members will have received a notice of a special called meeting to be held Friday, July 10 at 8:00 p.m. to vote to accept or reject the conference report. This is one of the best agreements negotiated without a strike.

The negotiation committee should be commended for the good work. The membership should come and vote yes to show their appreciation.

The other proposal put up by the district council is to vote for a formula for raising dues. The Carpenters have for years received a substantial raise in wages and fringe benefits. These fringe benefits have added a lot of additional work in the union office as well as in the District Council office. Wages of office personnel have also increased as have insurance taxes and supplies including postage etc.

The local has added another Business Representative to give better service in the field and in the office.

An increase in dues is mandatory if the local is going to func-

tion to the full needs of the members.

I hope the membership will again place their confidence in me and vote as I will. I will vote yes on both proposals.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL
Recording Secretary,
Carpenters 1622

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAN

The main chips this week are the various meetings to vote on the two items of contract ratification and dues increase. Good sense says you should attend as it's your wages, conditions, and dues money that are in the balance, subject to your vote.

Local 36 has a pair of meetings scheduled as the mailed notices tell you. One Friday, to install new officers and elect delegates to the State Labor Fed convention. The other Saturday, July 11, 10:00 a.m. at Oakland Auditorium Theatre to take up contract and dues.

Just a reminder that Treasurer Paul Hudgins of the credit union is available daily at the Hall from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. He is a good man to see if you want to save money on your borrowing or make your savings grow. We are growing steadily and invite you to join us. The more the better.

I was just told that "Dragon Milk" comes from short-legged cows, so you take it from there.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Executive Board Meeting: The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, July 16th at 7:00 p.m. Union Office, 693 Mission Street, San Francisco.

Ask House to kill that labor bill!

The many thousands of labor people who wish to see the House refuse to pass the Kennedy-Ervin labor bill in its present anti-labor form are seemingly overlooking the fact that great numbers of people are writing to Congressmen urging the passing of the bill.

Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council, at the meeting of that body this week, said that labor people should stir themselves and notify their Representatives in the House at once that they wish the bill in its present form rejected.

Workers living in Alameda county should write to Congressmen George P. Miller and Jeffery Cohelan; and those in Contra Costa county are especially urged to write or wire Representative John F. Baldwin.

"Whether you think a Congressman is for or against the measure, let him know where you stand," said Ash.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

Negotiations have been completed, as reported to the membership at the meeting held July 2, covering the following agreements: California State Pipeline, Pacific Pipe Company and the Coca-Cola Company.

A wage increase of 25¢ per hour and an additional 5¢ per hour for health and welfare, effective June 23, 1959, also 25¢ per hour wage increase, effective June 23, 1960, covers the California State pipeline agreement.

Increases across the board in the amount of 15¢ per hour and an additional 2½¢ per hour contribution for health and welfare cover the Pacific Pipe Company. This agreement also provides for one, two and three weeks vacation, seven paid holidays plus one-half day off prior to Christmas and New Year's Day and if the holiday falls on Saturday, Friday will be the recognized holiday. These new wage rates increase the various classifications covered in this metal trades agreement from \$2.90 per hour to \$3.97 per hour, an increase of \$6.00 per week for journeymen and helpers for a total of \$118.50 and \$112.50 per week for journeymen and helpers respectively, retroactive to June 1, 1959. Accumulated sick leave of 5 days per year for a total of 15 days over a three-year period was also negotiated. This agreement also provides for vacations and nine paid holidays.

Our next membership meeting to be held July 16, 1959, will be a special called meeting for the purpose of hearing the reports of the negotiating committee with reference to the trust agreement covering the joint board of trustees operation in connection with the pension plan. This trust agreement governing the trustees operation was drawn up by the attorneys and as this is a very important document, please try to arrange your affairs to be in attendance at the above-mentioned meeting.

Governor to get thanks from CLC

Democratic Assemblymen Jerome R. Waldie of the 10th District in Contra Costa county told the Central Labor Council this week that the Democratic Party, led by Governor Brown, made a fine record for labor and liberalism in the recent session of the Legislature. He said that a handful of four Democratic Senators, first elected years ago, and not of the 1958 vintage, killed in committee the legislation which labor regrets having failed.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash later praised Waldie's record.

On motion of Robert Rivers, Communication Workers, the delegates authorized the sending of a letter to Governor Brown congratulating him on his record during the legislative session.

Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

Special Notice to all members under sixty years of age. Copy of communication received from the Tri-State Painters Insurance Trust Fund.

All group life insurance policies which have been issued through the Tri-State Painters Trust provide that insurance on a member will be continued without premium payments if the member, while insured and before reaching the age of sixty, becomes totally disabled and unable to engage in gainful employment.

A member who qualifies under this waiver of premium provision must notify the insurance company, complete a short claim form, and submit the required certification from the doctor. When the company approves the claim, the Local and the member will be notified that further premium payments are not required.

Insurance will then continue from year to year until death or recovery. In the event of death, the claim will be paid just as though normal premium payments had been made. In event of recovery, the member again becomes insured in the regular manner and resumes premium payments.

Your secretary hopes that all members who come under these provisions will take advantage of them, as it is very important when it comes to filing a death claim.

Did Pilgrims get help? Of course!

Two conservative Democrats—Senator Byrd of Virginia and Congressman Moeller of Ohio—put into the Congressional Record a propaganda piece entitled "How Much Federal Aid Did the Pilgrims Get?" It said the Pilgrims found the going hard after they landed in this country, but they did not look to the government for help. They went to work and maintained their "self-respect."

In contrast, the propaganda piece pictures modern Americans as "weaklings who want the government to take care of them," who "demand more money for less work," and "put security above self-respect."

We would like to ask Byrd and Moeller the following questions: Didn't the Pilgrims depend on themselves because they could do so? They had free land to raise food on, free forest timber to build homes, free access to all the resources of earth and sea. But all those are private property now except the sea, and it is far from most jobless workers. They would be arrested for "trespassing" if they tried to depend on themselves in the way the Pilgrims did. — LABOR.

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Demos perfect but GOP mixed, NAACP vote record shows

The West Coast regional office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has sent out the voting record of all members of the Legislature in the recent session on the seven civil rights measures in which the NAACP was interested.

No unfavorable votes are shown for the five Democrats from Alameda County: Senator Holmdahl, and Assemblymen Bee, Crown, Petris, and Rumford. All are recorded as present and voting favorably on all seven measures, with the single exception of Bee, who is shown as absent when AB 113 was voted on. This measure, killed later in a Senate Committee, passed the Assembly by 67 to 0, and provided for nondiscrimination in redevelopment and urban renewal projects.

The two Republicans in the Legislature from Alameda county, Assemblymen Dahl and Mulford, had mixed records.

Dahl is shown as having an unfavorable vote on three measures, absent when one came up, and "present and not voting, or absent" on three others. In short, Dahl never showed on four of the issues, and voted unfavorably on the remaining three, which were: AB 91, Fair Employment Practices; AB 890, Fair Housing Act; AB 2612, killed in the Senate later which provided that discrimination could be the cause of suspension or revocation of any license issued by the State.

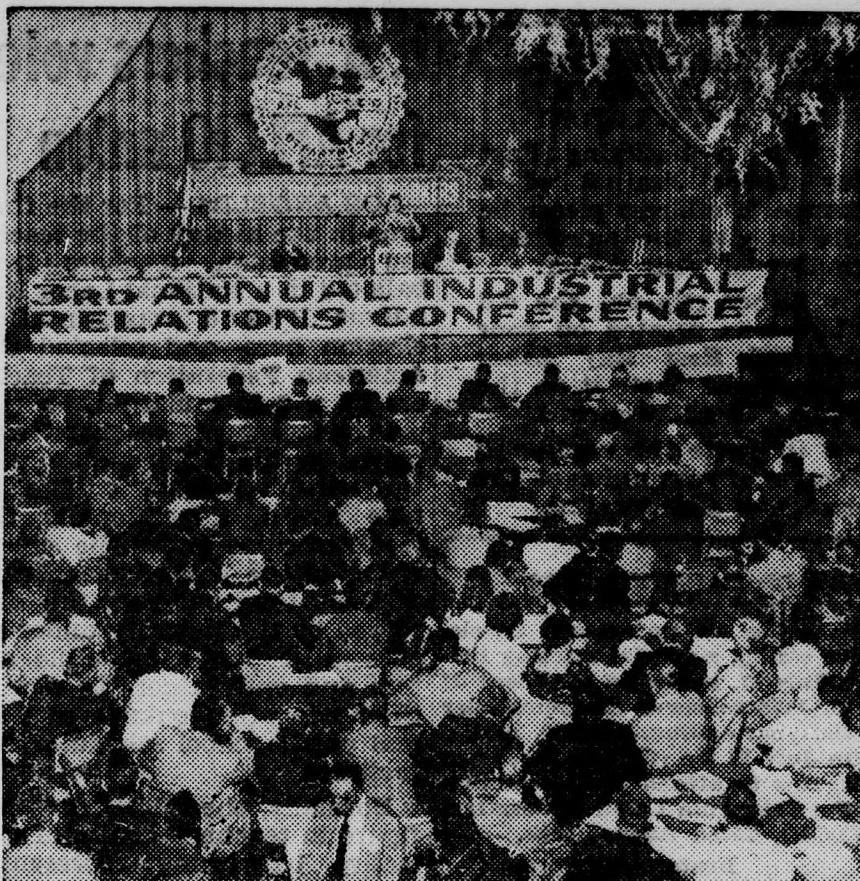
The other Republican, Mulford, had a better record from the NAACP point of view. He voted favorably on four measures: AB 7, repealing the ban on intermarriages; AB 91, Fair Employment Practices; AB 113, anti-discrimination in redevelopment and urban renewal projects; and AB 2612, making discrimination a cause for suspending or canceling licenses. Mulford voted unfavorably on one measure, AB 756, providing that discrimination could be a cause for revocation of a liquor license. He was absent when the Fair Housing Act came up, and also when AB 594, broadening the civil rights statute, was voted on.

Jones cites Osslo return to the Fed

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, told the Central Labor Council this week that an interesting feature of the recent meeting of the California Labor Federation executive council in Hollywood was the return of Max Osslo of the Butchers to a seat as a Federation vice president and member of the executive council.

Jones said that in his opinion Osslo had always been a valuable member of the Federation's executive council.

Jones and Robert S. Ash, Central Labor Council secretary, are Federation vice presidents from this district.



STEEL was on the minds of delegates to the industrial relations conference of the AFLCIO Industrial Union Department at Philadelphia, and steel was in the tone of Department President Walter Reuther, shown in this picture denouncing managements for union-busting tactics, now practiced all over the country.

Labor editor says Morse does damage to self and Demos

The most "illiberal" person usually is the ritualistic liberal with whom you may disagree. In their expansive moods such liberals, in defending the boundless limits of expression and disagreement, invariably quote a sophistry attributed to Voltaire who was too rational to coin it. That hackneyed phrase runs something like this:

"I detest everything you say, but I will fight to the death for your right to say it."

To which logic answers simply: "error has no rights."

Which brings us our ultra-liberal senior senator from Oregon, Wayne L. Morse, who is taking a very liberal and hostile attitude towards the liberal junior senator from his state, Richard L. Neuberger. Morse has waged a feud against his younger colleague that stems more from personal pique than honest differences over issues. Recently Morse announced he intends to oppose Neuberger if he runs for re-election next year. Both are Democrats.

We see no earthly reason why Neuberger should be a Morse carbon copy; and we'd say Neuberger's record in the Senate is as consistently constructive as that of Morse. If Morse carries out his vendetta, Oregon might end up with two conservative Republican senators by 1963 rather than two liberal Democrats as they have now. If the irresistible Morse detests Neuberger that much, the least he can do is to let the latter run on his record while Morse remains mute on the sidelines. But keeping Morse mute and on the sidelines would require a miracle.—*St. Louis Labor Tribune.*

Demand the Union Label!

Telegrapher asks about that income

Larry Ross, president of Commercial Telegraphers 208, says in a bulletin to members:

It looks like profits for 1959 will be the highest in the history of Western Union.

The latest family budget report of the Heller Committee for Research in Social Economics of the University of California (for 1958) estimates that a wage earner with two children and living in a rented home needed \$6,086.88 a year, or \$117 a week, to give his family the standard of living "that public opinion currently recognizes as necessary to health and reasonably comfortable living."

For a wage earner who owned his own home, the figure was \$6,435.11 a year, or \$123.75 a week.

The requirements are higher today and will be still higher by the time our contract expires; yet, how many skilled workers in Western Union, with many years service, earn \$117 for a 40 hour week? — very few — how many earn \$123.75 for a 40 hour week? — none.

Congress is asked to shut some gaps

WASHINGTON — The AFLCIO has called on Congress to close "important gaps" in the social insurance program for retired workers by boosting benefits, broadening coverage, and providing adequate health care for the aged.

Testifying before a Senate Labor subcommittee headed by Sen. Pat McNamara (D-Mich.), Dir. Nelson H. Cruikshank and Asst. Dir. Katherine Ellickson of the Dept. of Social Security said the country "can afford to do better" by its senior citizens.—*AFLCIO News.*

Spokesmen of BTC and CLC in statements on United Crusade

Statements were made this week on United Crusade's drive for funds by J. L. Childers, Building Trades council business representative, and Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council.

"The Building Trades Council," said Childers, "has endorsed the United Crusade in previous years, and there has been no change in our policy."

Ash's statement follows:

In the Morning News of Thursday, June 25, 1959, there was an article by Edward W. Chew dealing with the United Crusade. In the article, he referred to the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, AFLCIO.

The Labor Council has been informed by a few that the statements in Mr. Chew's article attributed to Mr. Arthur Hellender, assistant secretary of the council, mean that the Labor Council is junking the United Crusade.

I, frankly, see nothing in the article that would lead anyone to believe labor is now going to "junk" the Crusade.

So there will be no misunderstanding, the program and policy of the Central Labor Council of Alameda County, AFLCIO, is this:

- Support only one fund raising drive for Health and Welfare Agencies.
- Endorse and support the United Crusade as the one campaign a year.
- Designate its Community Services Committee as labor's official United Crusade representative.

On May 4, 1959, there was adopted the following program:

The Central Labor Council of Alameda County, AFLCIO, feels that this is the year for labor to demonstrate its belief that federated fund raising is the only sensible way to provide voluntary health and welfare agencies serving the community with funds to operate. The past community efforts to raise sufficient funds for these health and welfare agencies through the United Crusade have been unsuccessful. These failures have weakened the United Crusade by causing some agencies to curtail services and others to conduct their own fund raising drives. Labor was one of those community groups which insisted that multiple campaigns be eliminated. Therefore, the council has already adopted the policy of endorsing the United Crusade and no other fund raising organization. In line with this policy, we ask that the following steps be taken.

1. The executive secretary appoint one of his assistants to coordinate our program with the United Crusade.

2. All local unions should:

A. Send letters to their membership, encouraging them to support the United Crusade.

B. Establish Crusade committee in the plants and ask management to participate on these committees.

C. Determine the fair share of giving for its members.

D. Decide on the method of contributing, payroll deduction, cash, overtime pay, holiday pay or any other plan. The union is requested to notify the United Crusade and council of the method recommended.

E. Insist that these contributions be voluntary and that no person should be pressured to meet these suggested standards.

F. Receive recognition for their efforts and gifts contributed.

G. Start this suggested program now, thereby eliminating any problems before the United Crusade begins. Raymond Collier and Frank White, our labor representatives with the United Crusade be requested to:

a. Start making a survey of our past performance in all firms.

b. Interpret the council's program to management.

c. Notify the council of any problems they might discover.

The portion of the article by Mr. Chew referring to the Alameda County labor movement is as follows:

"In Alameda County, the 1959 campaign will find labor going it alone. Labor has juked the previous Crusade labor-management teamwork committee, and the AFLCIO has decided to conduct a drive among labor people alone. Art Hellender, of the Central Labor Council, said that labor leaders are already mapping campaign plans for the October drive among working men.

"We're putting everything we have into this year's drive. If the Crusade doesn't hit its target this year, it looks bad for another unified campaign," said Hellender. He said labor is confident that it will meet the campaign goal assigned to it."

The article states labor has juked the previous labor-management committee and is going it alone. Some have interpreted this to mean we are starting our own charity organizations. Far from it!

The labor movement early this year in reviewing the past two years' campaigns felt that the "labor-management" committee was not fulfilling its obligations, was only window dressing, and was not accomplishing the purpose for which it was established.

The council then withdrew its participation from the committee and through its Community Services Committee, assumed the responsibility of conducting, for labor, labor's fund raising for the United Crusade.

Mr. Hellender is quoted as saying, "If the Crusade doesn't hit its target this year, it looks bad for another unified campaign." I see nothing wrong with that statement because, unfortunately, it probably is close to the truth. Some organizations have already left the Crusade and there is a proposed plan being discussed to conduct two campaigns—one for local agencies, and another for national agencies. To prevent this proposed plan from becoming a reality, labor, business and the community must make this campaign a successful one and raise every dollar needed.

Labor's big difference is not with the Crusade but with some connected with it who say they support the Crusade and its "one big drive", and then lend their support and names to nearly every other drive that comes along. Labor has at least been consistent. We are only supporting one drive a year for health and welfare agencies, the United Crusade.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

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Labor Council in protest against Un-Am Committee

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and protect the reputation and livelihood of individuals and organizations called before you, we have no choice but to condemn your activities.

In the event you do not recall, the incident referred to in 1946, I am enclosing for your information a copy of the press release issued by our Council, dated January 11, 1954.

Very truly yours,
ROBERT S. ASH
Executive Secretary
Central Labor Council,
AFL-CIO, Alameda County,
California

The Central Labor Council's statement on the actions of the House Un-American Activities committee under the chairmanship of Congressman Velde, Illinois Republican, to which Ash's letter to Walter refers, was made in January of 1954.

At that time David Blodgett, who said he was a former Communist, in his testimony before the House committee in a San Francisco hearing, said that an alleged local Communist committee was responsible for the 1946 general strike here.

The CLC statement of 1954, commenting on this, said:

"The implication and inference in such statement (by Blodgett) is, of course, the obvious one that in 1946 the AFL unions here were either under the control, or were the dupes, of a hard shelled core of persons alleged by Blodgett to be Communists.

"In either case, the red smear of discredit is splashed upon the thousands of loyal citizens who comprise the AFL membership here—both rank and file and their chosen representatives. Hundreds of persons in business, government, and labor circles know that the statement of this self-confessed former Communist is a lie. They know it because they were personally familiar with the facts at the time."

The CLC 1954 statement then recites the facts as known to these many citizens, and criticizes the House committee's methods:

"The committee meets, its witnesses speak, the press reports, and the pieces are left behind to be mended by those hurt as best they can.

"It is, nevertheless, the duty of a respected and established institution such as the AFL is in Alameda County to speak up firmly in repudiation of the Blodgett lie and smear. Not to do so would be to encourage unscrupulous demagogues to go still further in putting liars to work at their contemptible task of destroying the confidence of citizens in their fellow Americans..

"There should and must be a better way to eradicate the Communist conspiracy than through the use of witnesses who as self-confessed Communists already bear the reputation of experts in the school of deceit and the lie, but who, nonetheless, are left immune, under the investigating committee's orders, from questioning by those so glibly, though effectively, smeared."

The reason the CLC 1954 statement refers only to the AFL was, of course, because at that time the AFL and CIO here had not merged.

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BTC weighs policy of help to nonunion municipal craftsmen

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charter changed, or to break the power of the Tribune over the City Council, he suggested.

Chester Bartalini, Carpenters 36, asked how many of the city's building craftsmen belonged to unions. Childers and others supplied the answer that electricians, plumbers, and engineers are pretty well organized, and that outside the building crafts the auto mechanics were pretty well organized; but carpenters and painters were not.

Bartalini suggested that perhaps the best thing to do was to let the nonunion craftsmen working for the city "sleep in the bed they've made" until they showed some real spirit.

Childers commented that he couldn't help but share this feeling somewhat, and had mixed emotions on the subject, but that since some were organized, these certainly should be helped, and that it was not good labor policy to let a wage rate sink very low for any building craftsmen, as this would have a depressing effect on wages for craftsmen in other public bodies.

Anders Larsen, Carpenters 36, said he agreed with this—that the thing to do was go ahead and try to help them.

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, laughed, and said he had no mixed emotions on the subject at all—that he had worked very hard at one time organizing laborers in city employ, and that it all came to nothing, as they showed no real spirit of unionism.

Bartalini said that in San Francisco, where he spends much of his time as secretary of the District Council of Carpenters, union experience had been that the best thing to do was leave city employees alone until they realized the need for unionism, and then push in and give them all aid possible.

Lewis Wilson, Carpenters 36, said that he felt the point could be made that in efforts to help inert city employees union dues were being used to serve non-union people.

Childers' report was accepted unanimously, so after the enlightening discussion, the matter was left in his hands to do whatever seems possible and advisable in a mixed situation.

CARPENTERS' GAINS

Bartalini reporting on the carpenters' recently completed negotiations said that in addition to the wage increase won, it had been particularly gratifying to get conditions long desired written into the contract.

Among these he mentioned hospital coverage for pensioned carpenters, 5 minutes pickup time at the end of a shift, strengthening of the stewards' status, provision for prejob com-

ferences on parking facilities in congested areas, and guarantees of safe keeping for tools.

Bartalini said that although the AGC had refrained from signing along with other contractors, they were observing the new contract, and the union was pursuing the matter in the courts rather than causing difficulties on jobs for other craftsman.

PAINTERS' GAINS

Marvin Edwards, Painters 127, reporting on the recent crisis with contractors who voted against the new agreement after it had been assumed all was settled, said that the leaders of the contractors' group acted very fast indeed after they realized that the painters meant business and were quitting jobs unless the agreement was signed.

Edwards said that many interim agreements were signed while the crisis lasted, and not too many painters were kept from work.

Very soon, he said, the contractors mustered a big majority vote for the new agreement, and now the painters had a three-year pact with a 70-cent increase spread over the three years, and were back at work.

Steel discussion; two local strikes

Charles Wells, Steelworkers 1798, told the Central Labor Council this week that there possibly was still some chance that there would be no national steel strike next Tuesday, July 14, but that negotiations during the two-week extension made in response to President Eisenhower's request were still in a very uncertain stage.

He reminded the delegates that Local 1798 as a result of local disputes with management was now on strike against the Visking Corporation and the Malsbury Manufacturing Company.

Plea for Hayward as college site

Many delegates to the Central Labor Council Monday night signed a petition circulated by Al Chamorro, Barbers 134, asking that the Hayward area be named as the site for the proposed Southern Alameda County State College. The State Board of Public Works voted June 11 for Pleasanton. Governor Brown asked for a rehearing, and the petition, circulated by many volunteers, was expected to have 25,000 signatures.

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Al Brown is named Tillamook dispute agent in the area

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Concurrently herewith we are sending letters to all labor organizations known to us as representatives of any employees who might have occasion to perform services either for you or firms doing business with you advising that we do not intend or desire to induce or encourage any work stoppage or other failure of union members or employees to perform assigned work.

You are authorized to make known the contents of this letter to any employee and/or his union if any question arises in connection with employee willingness to perform work on this program or make delivery to retail outlets.

Barney Holder of Carpenters wins disability case

Barney Holder, member of Carpenters Local 36 who was badly injured in 1954 when run down in his own driveway by an automobile, has been notified that he has won in Federal court his contention that the Government erred in denying him the benefits of the disability freeze provisions of the Social Security Act.

The decision was made by Federal District Judge Albert C. Wollenberg in San Francisco.

The accident occurred October 6, 1954. Holder suffered partial amputation of the left leg, puncture of one lung, multiple rib fractures, chest injuries, and dislocation of the left ankle. He has been unable to hold any substantial employment since.

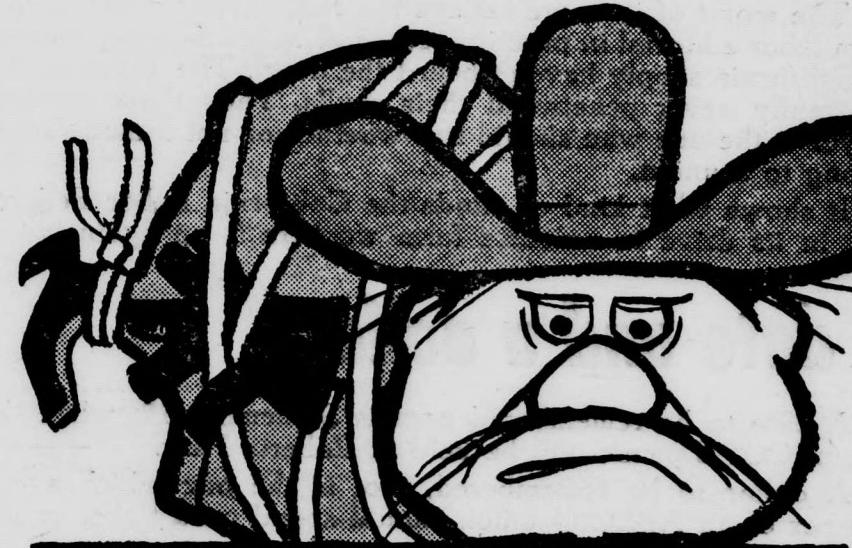
He filed action on March 11, 1955, under a clause which permits a disability freeze on the calculation of income on which social security pension is to be based. Holder was 59 at the time of the accident and unless his earning ability had been frozen as of that time, he would have arrived at the age of 65 with the last years showing very little income, and consequently very little pension coming to him.

The action was against the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, which turned down the demand made by Holder. Subsequent proceedings until the recent decision had also gone against Holder.

The District Council of Carpenters has assisted Holder in his case, and the law office of Charles P. Scully, general counsel of the California Labor Federation, handled the case before Judge Wollenberg, Victor Van Bourg of Scully's office being active in it.

Judge Wollenberg has returned the matter to the Social Security Administration for processing, and unless an appeal is taken by the Government Brother Holder can realize that he has not only won a case of vital importance to him, but one which sets an important precedent for other workers.

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Report on a marriage of convenience, not of love

A California Labor Federation News Letter reports that the Federation's executive council at its recent meeting in Hollywood "voted unanimous approval of Secretary Haggerty's preliminary report on the 1959 legislative session, and praised the accomplishments of the Federation's legislative representative and staff."

The preliminary report on the legislative session is to be found in the June 26 issue of the Federation's Weekly News Letter, which incidentally is the 22nd issue of the News Letter in the handsome and convenient form adopted this year.

The preliminary report on the legislative session richly deserves the praise the Federation's executive council bestowed on it. A copy of it should be examined carefully and kept in the files of every union affiliated with the Federation.

The strain on Secretary Haggerty during the legislative session was of course tremendous. Then so soon after the session was over to have composed and published so thorough and so readable a report was a feat of journalism which only those who have done such work under pressure can fully appreciate. Of course he had some assistance from staff members in this, but coordinating the efforts of staff members in such a project is itself hard work.

The report brings out something that we all know, but that some of us in the heat of an election campaign sometimes forget—that the labor movement and the odd heterogeneous system of queer alliances which we call the Democratic Party are by no means synonymous. And there are times when the cooperation between the two is plainly a marriage of convenience, not of love.

Pure innocence of heart!

The California Farmer, the well established full-of-ads fortnightly farm paper which faithfully expresses Associated Farmer ideas said editorially in discussing a measure then before the Legislature:

"The way the law is written the employer has nothing to say about unionization of his workers. All that has to happen is that the majority of workers in a given unit shall have the opportunity to select a collective bargaining agency by majority vote."

The innocence of this farm editor's remark is amusing. It is somewhat as though a man from a country where a King and Grand Dukes had the power to run the nation, should come to the United States and say that "in this strange barbaric land, it is not necessary to get the permission of the King or any of the Grand Dukes in order to blow one's nose."

The worst of it is, we believe the remark was made in that farm labor editorial in pure innocence of heart. The big farmers of California simply haven't heard the news. The Wagner Act has really never penetrated their skulls. They think the employer is the one who should say whether or not a man should belong to a union.

It shows what kind of minds the California Labor Federation in its drive to unionize farm workers is up against.

A date and a dollar

A date to be remembered now is September 12, when the annual COPE picnic will be held at Roberts Park.

A dollar to be remembered, too, is the one which every member of an AFLCIO union should spend on a ticket to the picnic.

The picnic, coming so close this year to Labor Day and to the AFLCIO convention in San Francisco, becomes partly a celebration of Labor Day itself, and partly an opportunity for national labor leaders to attend and join the picnic program.

As the familiar books of tickets go round, with labor folk selling the tickets to labor folk, of course the fundamental financial purpose of the big annual event must be remembered. That is, that this is the way money is raised for labor's costs in helping to elect candidates to Federal office.

Under the Taft-Hartley Act, only money that is voluntarily contributed by labor people individually can be used in such campaigns. If we wish to reelect Congressmen George P. Miller and Jeffery Cohelan in 1960, and wish to contribute to the campaign for that purpose, we must buy those tickets. Let's buy 'em!

There is no campaign for Federal office this year, but every dollar that we can give both this year and next will be needed in 1960.

'Yeah, Run the Ad Again'



OPINIONS

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'MIND-MOLDING' TOPIC OF MOLDER

Editor, Labor Journal:

Since the subject of "mind-molding" by unionized teachers seems to be a free-for-all, I hope I am eligible to participate.

Truly, "mind-molding" is a nasty term to any good teacher. But realistically, this is what every good teacher does. He molds minds into the phenomenal tools of judgment, and creativity, and appreciation which give man stature in the animal kingdom.

To do this, the teacher must be free—free of economic pressure, free of social pressure to teach the hysteria of the times, free to lay before young minds the experiences of the past, and to encourage them to seek parallels in the present, whether they be successes or failures, and to project their conclusions into the future.

Christ, Socrates, Di Vinci—even Newton would have been "fired" by the school boards of our day—and without a hearing!

I must confess I have never met Jeff Cohelan, Spurgeon Avakian, Jack Shelley and Byron Rumford. I don't think they have noticed it either. They have been doing the kind of job their consciences directed them to do. As a union teacher I have been doing the same. We don't need to meet to find we are working for the same basic ideals.

For the special benefit of Brother McCreary and Brother Walter, I would like to say that teachers unionize for much the same reasons which impel other artists and craftsmen and workers to unionize. They join together for common protection of their art or craft—to protect it from destruction economically and ideologically. They want to provide a decent living for their families—and they want freedom to "mold the minds" of the children of Bro. McCreary and Bro. Walter to be capable of judging in the years to come, whether or not they may be able to improve upon my conception of education, Bro. McCreary's conception of the labor movement, and Bro. Walter's conception of civil liberties. If you please, let's not speak of the late Sen. Knowland in this mixed company! . . .

Fraternally,
FLOYD LYLE, Editor
The California Teacher

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We must apologize for rather unusual delay in publishing Brother Lyle's letter.)

THIS COLUMN

Editor, Labor Journal:

Every time I read the masthead of your "Opinions" column I think what a fine one it is. However, it doesn't mean so much as it once did because I know you do not print all the letters you receive from AFLCIO members. May I urge you to reconsider your policy on this subject?

Many union people have lost faith in their own organization. For example, the McClellan Committee reported that in one year it received 75,000 letters from union members. Contrast this number with the letters the labor-press received. Though difficult to determine it would appear to be much less than Senator McClellan received. The question arises, "Why are union members writing to an anti-labor committee of Congress rather than their own publications?" Apparently they don't have confidence their letter will be published or that it will do them any good.

As some of us write long and often I can see that your job is not easy; but I think it could be simplified by adopting a policy of (1) letters should be not over 200 words in length, (2) a member is entitled to the "opinions" column no oftener than once a month—unless there are no other letters pending, (3) union members have preference over other individuals—we pay for the paper, (4) within the 200-word maximum no editing or deleting shall take place—let the member say what he wants to and how, and (5) with these exceptions run every letter.

Fraternally,
ROBERT ROSE
Carpenters Local 36

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STUDENT RIGHTS!

The dissociation of the college from intellect has come about not only because a college degree has acquired an enormous vocational value, but also because a kind of welfare state has developed on the campus and 'living' has come to mean 'the full life,' including a wife and children, debts and a nervous breakdown.

—Dr. Jacques Barzun, Columbia University.

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NOW IT'S HAPPENED

Don't trust children with edge tools. Don't trust man, great God, with more power than he has, until he has learned to use that a little better. What a hell should we make of the world if we could do what we would.—R. W. Emerson in 1832.

WAR UPON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Senator Stuart Symington, Missouri Democrat, who recently visited the Labor Temple here, said at the IUD industrial relations conference in Philadelphia recently:

Today the whole institution of collective bargaining is under attack.

That is not news to you—but those actively engaged in day to day problems in this area may not notice as clearly as one who is no longer directly involved, the recent astonishing reversals in the general governmental and business attitude toward collective bargaining for the orderly arbitration of differences arising during the term of a collective bargaining agreement should be eliminated from the pre-existing contract.

Sometimes the issue is not so clear—and the conflict seems to be concerned with economic matters. But underlying many of the recent major industrial conflicts in America is an apparent increasing opposition to the principle of collective bargaining itself.

Although the Administration now in Washington continues to pay lip service to the principle of collective bargaining, I believe that its actions and various proposals in this area demonstrate it does not really believe in the principle.

On the other hand, for twenty-five years the Democratic Party has supported the principle of collective bargaining; and those principles are set forth in precise terms in the preamble and statement of purpose in the Wagner Act.

Nothing that has happened since that statute was passed has destroyed the validity of the general premise that the system of collective bargaining is good, not only for business and labor, but also for the country as a whole.

Unions, what for?

Two essays by John Davenport in recent issues of Fortune question the role of trade unions in a free society.

Mr. Davenport is one of the more articulate members of the right-wing intelligentsia and at one time supplied processed thoughts for the White House.

Fortune, for those who never plunked down \$1.25 for a copy of the magazine, is the monthly published by Henry Luce for the big-business community. Corporation executives from junior grade to chairmen of the board go for it in a big way. It's nice and expensive, has a lot of colored pictures and Deep Stuff.

These exercises in intellectualism stimulate corporation executives much as eighteen holes of golf might, or a rubdown and steam bath at the Midtown Health Club. A Fortune reader dipping into Mr. Davenport's profundities may not understand what the hell he's talking about, but by golly it does Make You Think! don't it?

Reduced to its simplest terms, Mr. Davenport's thesis is: Unions, What For? — The Hat Worker.

Creeping joblessness

What we are faced with here is a kind of "creeping automation," which in the long run is a gradual unemployment rise.

The Republican Administration has for several years warned the country about "creeping inflation."

Steelworkers—with thousands of other industrial workers—certainly believe that the people who are supposed to run the government's economic policies would do better to concern themselves with "creeping unemployment" and try to do something about it.—Steel Labor